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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 12th, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities was scheduled for Thursday, February 12th, 2009, for 1:00 p.m., in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 190 Sen. Thomas Communications; video services; dispute resolution process; provide for.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Patterson, Senators, Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville Olshove, Clarke, and Thomas, a quorum.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th committee minutes. Sen. Kuipers so moved.

The motion Passed without objection.

At 1:05 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number one. He invited Sen. Thomas to give a brief explanation of SB 190.

The Chairman thanked Sen. Thomas for his explanation.

Next, the Chairman invited Greg White and Ryan McAnany of the Michigan Public Service Commission to present testimony regarding SB 190.

Mr. White and Mr. McAnany provided the committee with a copies of their presentation. (Copies of the document are available in the Clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Patterson, Thomas, Olshove, and Brown, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. White and Mr. McAnany for their testimony.

Next, the Chairman invited Mike Watza and Samantha Hawkins of the Michigan Municipal League to present testimony regarding SB 190. Mr. Watza and Ms. Hawkins indicated they would support the bill with amendments.

Sen.(s) Patterson, Thomas and Olshove, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Watza and Ms. Hawkins for their testimony.

At 2:45 p.m., the Chairman read into the record, those indicating they would support SB 190 if amended.

David Bertram, Michigan Townships Associations
Mark Monk, Michigan Alliance for Community Media

At 2:46 p.m., the Chairman read into the record, those indicating they would support SB 190 as introduced.

Chris Horak, Michigan Cable Telecom Association
Jim Murry, AT&T
Dave Vehslage, Verizon

At 1:50 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Sen. Richardville so moved.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Scott Jones,
Clerk of the Committee

Senator Bruce Patterson,
Chairman of the Committee

Date Adopted by Committee